



NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Joe Stecher and the FBI announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release: United States District Court Judge Laurie Smith Camp sentenced Donald Whitewater to 21 months in prison and three years of supervised release for his conviction of assault resulting in serious bodily injury. Whitewater was further ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$7,300.50.

In the early morning hours on July 8, 2008, Whitewater's ex-girlfriend was sleeping in her bed on the Winnebago Indian Reservation when she awoke to find Whitewater in her room. Whitewater wanted to know about her relationship with another man and he wanted to get back together with her. When the victim asked Whitewater to leave, he got angry and punched her in the face. The punch broke her nose in two places which required surgery to correct.

Whitewater had previously been convicted in the Winnebago Tribal Court for various offenses relating to the ex-girlfriend, including disturbing the peace, domestic violence, failure to obey a no contact order and assault.

Name of Defendant: Donald A. Whitewater, Jr.

AKA:

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Assault resulting in serious bodily injury in violation of 18 U.S.C. §113(a)(6). The maximum statutory penalty is ten years of imprisonment and/or a \$250,000 fine and three years of supervised release.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Winnebago, Nebraska

Location of Arrest: Winnebago, Nebraska

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug:

Others Charged in Same Scheme:

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: July 8, 2008

Federal Arrest Date: October 23, 2008

Date Complaint Issued:

Indictment Returned Date: October 22, 2008

Initial Appearance Date: October 27, 2008

Plea or Trial and Date(s): February 2, 2009

Sentencing Date: April 20, 2009

Next Court Hearing Type and Date:

Assigned Magistrate Judge: Honorable F. A. Gossett

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: Held without bond

In Continuous Custody Since: October 23, 2008

Assigned District Court Judge: Honorable Laurie Smith Camp

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